

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

FOR THE WADEBRIDGE URBAN DISTRICT.

-:-:-:-:- 1917. :-:-:-:-:-

Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present the Annual Report of the health of the District for the year 1917.

The Closet accommodation is fairly good on the whole, most cottages having water flush and drain, some only a drain, and some few only a pan.

I again wish to call attention to the two closets at Trenant, which drain direct into the leat which flows down the Vale and in which the children play and from which there is often a stench. These should be replaced by dry closets, to be emptied on the gardens or a water flush into main drain.

The pond at Trenant is still far from being a pleasant neighbour to the cottage.

Scavenging is still done in a very dry and dusty manner, a lot of refuse blowing away when the bins or pans are emptied.

Many drains have been inspected.

Two licensed Slaughter houses and two unregistered are frequently inspected and no complaints received.

There have been no defects or complaints under the following:-

Pool Ditch, except as above at Trenant

Animals improperly kept

Smoke nuisance

Insanitary houses

Overcrowding

Common Lodging houses

Offensive traders

Food diseased or unsound

Water supply

Drains Cowsheds Regulations adopted, no Veterinary Inspector.

There are nine Dairy men unregistered. Premises inspected every three months, no legal proceedings taken.

House inspection; many premises have been examined, and suggestions made for improvements, but very little seems to be done as the result.

Schools; the Sanitary and water supply are good.

Food; Milk supply is becoming a great problem in amount and price. No unsound food reported, and slaughter houses are satisfactory, and Butchers' shops well kept.

Housing still insufficient.

Sanitary administration is carried out by one inspector and two or three scavengers.

No Hospital accommodation for infectious cases.

No Chemical or bacteriological work undertaken.

Infectious Diseases;

27 cases notified

Scarlatina 2, Diphtheria 12 (3 deaths)

Measles and German Measles 11

Tuberculosis 2 (no deaths)

All premises have been thoroughly disinfected.

Other diseases;

Rickets rare; Chronic Rheumatism prevalent;

very little severe diarrhoea or enteritis

I should like again to warn employers of growing boys and girls of the likelihood of heart disease being produced by heavy strain.

The Mothers' Welfare; has been in active operation throughout the year and is doing useful work, and needs active support to increase

its power for good.

Vital Statistics

29 Births against 43 in 1916, 36 in 1915.

rate 11.65 per 1000.

33 Deaths against 43 last year, rate 15.88 p. 1000.

2 Deaths over 90 years, 11 over 80, and 12 between 60 & 80 years.

Health of the District on the whole is very good.

Belgian Refugees now number

I should like to appeal for a vigorous watering of the Streets, to keep the dust down, unless the Council can see their way to a tar spraying, which is of course infinitely preferable.

I have the honour to be, Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

(signed) A. Probus Trinder

M.O.H.

the power for good.
Yale Register

25 Bishops against 43 in 1916, 25 in 1918.
rate 11.00 per 1000.
25 Bishops against 43 last year, rate 12.00 n. 1000.

2 Bishops over 60 years, 11 over 80, and 12 between 60 & 80 years.
Bishop of the District on the whole is very good.

Holston Robinson now Bishop

I should like to appeal for a vigorous statement of the Bishop.
to keep the staff down, unless the Council can see their way to a
tax on the staff, which is of course infinitely preferable.

I have the honor to be, Gentlemen,

Yours obedient servant,

(signed) A. Francis Trinder

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